

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION**

Dr. Richard Carrier,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 2:16-cv-906

FreethoughtBlogs Network, et al.,

Judge Michael H. Watson

Defendants.

Magistrate Judge Deavers


ORDER

Defendants' motion to engage in discovery limited to the issue of personal jurisdiction, ECF No. 23, is **GRANTED**. Additionally, given that the parties will engage in additional discovery on the issue, the Court **DENIES without prejudice** Defendants' pending motion to dismiss, ECF No. 10, which argues that this Court lacks personal jurisdiction over Defendants. Defendants may re-file their motion upon completion of the limited discovery.

Upon completion of discovery, and prior to the re-filing of Defendants' motion to dismiss, the parties shall file a joint notice as to whether each side believes that the Court should hold an evidentiary hearing regarding personal jurisdiction. The notice shall not exceed ten pages and shall set forth a brief explanation for each side's position.

Magistrate Judge Elizabeth P. Deavers will hold a status conference and issue a scheduling order setting forth the deadlines for completing the limited discovery, filing the joint notice, and re-filing the motion to dismiss.

IT IS SO ORDERED.


**MICHAEL H. WATSON, JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**